

EC-2042. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Marine Mammal Conservation Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Regulations" (RIN0648-AN88) received on May 21, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2043. A communication from the Acting Chief of the Marine Mammal Conservation Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Protected Resources, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Commercial Fishing Operations; Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan Regulations; Remove and Reserve Gear Marking Requirements for Northeast U.S. Fisheries" (RIN0648-AN40) received on May 21, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2044. A communication from the Acting Director of the Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, Department of Commerce, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska—Closure for Hook-and-Line Gear Groundfish Fishing, Gulf of Alaska (except for sablefish or demersal shelf rockfish in the Southeast Outside District)" received on May 21, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2045. A communication from the Program Analyst of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Amendment to Class E Airspace; Monroe City, MO" ((RIN2120-AA66)(2001-0091)) received on May 21, 2001; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

EC-2046. A communication from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Executive Office of the President, transmitting, pursuant to law, a cumulative report on rescissions and deferrals dated May 1, 2001; transmitted jointly, pursuant to the order of January 30, 1975, as modified by the order of April 11, 1986; to the Committees on Appropriations; the Budget; and Foreign Relations.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-72. A resolution adopted by the Senate of the Legislature of the State of Hawaii relative to appropriated funds for children with disabilities; to the Committee on Appropriations.

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 47

Whereas, under Title 20, section 1411(a) of the United States Code, the maximum amount of federal funds that a state may receive for special education and related services is the number of children with disabilities in the State who are receiving special education and related services multiplied by forty percent of the average per-pupil expenditure in public elementary and secondary schools in the United States; and

Whereas, since the enactment of the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 and its subsequent amendments, including the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1990, Congress has appropriated funds for a maximum of ten per cent of special education and related services for chil-

dren with disabilities when federal law authorizes the appropriation of up to forty per cent; and

Whereas, the Hawaii Department of Education received approximately \$23,500,000 in federal funds during fiscal year 1999-2000 for what was then referred to as "education of the handicapped". If this figure represented an appropriation of funds for ten per cent of special education and related services for children with disabilities, then an appropriation of forty per cent would have equaled \$94,000,000; and

Whereas, the difference between an appropriation of forty per cent and an appropriation of ten per cent for "education of the handicapped" would amount to \$70,500,000 just for the Department of Education. If the number of students receiving special education and related services equaled 22,000 during the fiscal year 1999-2000, then the difference would have amounted to approximately \$3,200 per student; and

Whereas, the State of Hawaii, through the Felix consent decree, is being compelled by the federal district court to make up for more than twenty years of insufficient funding for special education and related services—funding that should have been borne substantially by Congress, which enacted the Education for All Handicapped Children Act of 1975 and the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1990; and

Whereas, if Congress is going to mandate new programs or increase the level of service under existing programs for children with disabilities, and if it is going to give the federal courts unfettered power to enforce these mandates through the imposition of fines and the appointment of masters, then Congress should provide sufficient funding for special education and related services; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate of the Twenty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2001, That the United States Congress is requested to appropriate funds for forty per cent of special education and related services for children with disabilities; and be it further

Resolved, That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the United States Senate, the Vice-President of the United States, and the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. HELMS, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, without amendment and with a preamble:

S. Res. 88: A resolution expressing the sense of the Senate on the importance of membership of the United States on the United Nations Human Rights Commission.

S. Con. Res. 35: A concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that Lebanon, Syria, and Iran should allow representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross to visit the four Israelis, Adi Avitan, Binyamin Avraham, Omar Souad, and Elchanan Tannenbaum, presently held by Hezbollah forces in Lebanon.

S. Con. Res. 42: A concurrent resolution condemning the Taleban for their discriminatory policies and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. REED for the Committee on Armed Services.

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Fred F. Castle Jr., 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. James Sanders, 0000

Brig. Gen. David E. Tanzi, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Kevin P. Chilton, 0000

Brig. Gen. John D. W. Corley, 0000

Brig. Gen. Tommy F. Crawford, 0000

Brig. Gen. Charles E. Croom Jr., 0000

Brig. Gen. David A. Deptula, 0000

Brig. Gen. Gary R. Dylewski, 0000

Brig. Gen. Michael A. Hamel, 0000

Brig. Gen. James A. Hawkins, 0000

Brig. Gen. Gary W. Heckman, 0000

Brig. Gen. Jeffrey B. Kohler, 0000

Brig. Gen. Edward L. LaFountaine, 0000

Brig. Gen. Dennis R. Larsen, 0000

Brig. Gen. Daniel P. Leaf, 0000

Brig. Gen. Maurice L. McFann Jr., 0000

Brig. Gen. Richard A. Mentemeyer, 0000

Brig. Gen. Paul D. Nielsen, 0000

Brig. Gen. Thomas A. O'Riordan, 0000

Brig. Gen. Quentin L. Peterson, 0000

Brig. Gen. Lorraine K. Potter, 0000

Brig. Gen. James G. Roubush, 0000

Brig. Gen. Mary L. Saunders, 0000

Brig. Gen. Joseph B. Sovey, 0000

Brig. Gen. John M. Speigel, 0000

Brig. Gen. Craig P. Weston, 0000

Brig. Gen. Donald J. Wetekam, 0000

Brig. Gen. Gary A. Winterberger, 0000

The following named officers for appointment in the United States Air Force to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Michael A. Hamel, 0000

The following named United States Air Force Reserve officer for appointment as Chief of Air Force Reserve and for appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 8038 and 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. James E. Sherrard III, 0000

The following Air National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Air Force to the grades indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. Gregory B. Gardner, 0000

Brig. Gen. Robert I. Gruber, 0000

Brig. Gen. Craig R. McKinley, 0000

Brig. Gen. James M. Skiff, 0000

To be brigadier general

Col. Richard W. Ash, 0000

Col. Thomas L. Bene Jr., 0000

Col. Philip R. Bunch, 0000

Col. Charles W. Collier Jr., 0000

Col. Ralph L. Dewsnup, 0000

Col. Carol Ann Fausone, 0000

Col. Scott A. Hammond, 0000

Col. David K. Harris, 0000

Col. Donald A. Haught, 0000

Col. Kencil J. Heaton, 0000

Col. Terry P. Heggemeier, 0000

Col. Randall E. Horn, 0000

Col. Thomas J. Lien, 0000

Col. Dennis G. Lucas, 0000

Col. Joseph E. Lucas, 0000
 Col. Frank Pontelandolfo Jr., 0000
 Col. Ronald E. Shoopman, 0000
 Col. Benton M. Smith, 0000
 Col. Homer A. Smith, 0000
 Col. Annette L. Sobel, 0000
 Col. Clair Robert H. St. III, 0000
 Col. Michael H. Weaver, 0000
 Col. Lawrence H. Woodbury, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 624:

To be brigadier general

Col. Charles W. Fox, Jr., 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Roy E. Beauchamp, 0000

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. David C. Harris, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Lawrence J. Johnson, 0000

The following Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. James L. Pruitt, 0000

To be brigadier general

Col. Timothy C. Barrick, 0000

Col. Claude A. Williams, 0000

The following named Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment as Director, Army National Guard and for appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 10506 and 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Roger C. Schultz, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. Johnny M. Riggs, 0000

The following named United States Army Reserve officer for appointment as Chief, Army Reserve and for appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 3038 and 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Thomas J. Plewes, 0000

The following Army National Guard of the United States officers for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be major general

Brig. Gen. John C. Atkins, 0000

Brig. Gen. Danny B. Callahan, 0000

Brig. Gen. Robert C. Hughes, Jr., 0000

Brig. Gen. James H. Lipscomb III, 0000

Brig. Gen. Charles L. Rosenfeld, 0000

Brig. Gen. Ronald S. Stokes, 0000

To be brigadier general

Col. Roger L. Allen, 0000

Col. Edward H. Ballard, 0000

Col. Bruce R. Bodin, 0000

Col. Gary D. Brays, 0000

Col. Willard C. Broadwater, 0000

Col. Jan M. Camplin, 0000
 Col. Julia J. Cleckley, 0000
 Col. Stephen D. Collins, 0000
 Col. Bruce E. Davis, 0000
 Col. John L. Enright, 0000
 Col. Joseph M. Gately, 0000
 Col. John S. Gong, 0000
 Col. David E. Greer, 0000
 Col. John S. Harrel, 0000
 Col. Keith D. Jones, 0000
 Col. Timothy M. Kennedy, 0000
 Col. Martin J. Lucenti, 0000
 Col. Buford S. Mabry Jr., 0000
 Col. John R. Mullin, 0000
 Col. Edward C. O'Neill, 0000
 Col. Nicholas Ostapenko, 0000
 Col. Michael B. Pace, 0000
 Col. Marvin W. Pierson, 0000
 Col. David W. Raes, 0000
 Col. Thomas E. Stewart, 0000
 Col. John L. Trost, 0000
 Col. Stephen F. Villacorta, 0000
 Col. Alan J. Walker, 0000
 Col. Jimmy G. Welch, 0000
 Col. George W. Wilson, 0000
 Col. Jessica L. Wright, 0000
 Col. Arthur H. Wyman, 0000
 Col. Mark E. Zirkelbach, 0000

The following Army National Guard of the United States officer for appointment in the Reserve of the Army to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., section 12203:

To be brigadier general

Col. Gary A. Quick, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Army to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. William J. Lennox Jr., 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Navy to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. Alfred G. Harms Jr., 0000

The following named Naval Reserve officer for appointment as Chief of Naval Reserve and for appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 5143 and 601:

To be vice admiral

Rear Adm. John B. Totushek, 0000

The following named Naval officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Robert Magnus, 0000

The following named United States Marine Corps Reserve officer for appointment as Commander, Marine Forces Reserve and for appointment to the grade indicated under title 10, U.S.C., sections 5144 and 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Dennis M. McCarthy, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Lt. Gen. William L. Nyland, 0000

The following named officer for appointment in the United States Marine Corps to the grade indicated while assigned to a position of importance and responsibility under title 10, U.S.C., section 601:

To be lieutenant general

Maj. Gen. Wallace C. Gregson, Jr., 0000

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

Mr. REED. Mr. President, for the Committee on Armed Services, I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS of the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Air Force nomination of Roy V. Bousquet, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on May 2, 2001.

Air Force nominations beginning JEFFREY E. FRY and ending GEORGE A. MAYLEBEN, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on May 16, 2001.

Army nominations beginning LARRY J. CIANCIO and ending FREDRIC D. SHEPPARD, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on April 23, 2001.

Army nominations beginning CARLTON JACKSON and ending RICHARD D. MILLER, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on April 23, 2001.

Army nominations beginning CHARLES R. BARNES and ending JOSEPH WELLS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on May 8, 2001.

Army nominations beginning JOHN R. MATHEWS and ending KARL C. THOMPSON, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on May 16, 2001.

Navy nomination of Dale J. Danko, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on April 23, 2001.

Navy nomination of Delbert G. Yordy, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on April 23, 2001.

Navy nomination of Alexander L. Krongard, which was received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on April 23, 2001.

Navy nominations beginning ROBERT M ABUBO and ending ERIC D WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on April 26, 2001.

Marine Corps nominations beginning RONALD H ANDERSON and ending JOHN H WILLIAMS, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on May 9, 2001.

By Mr. MCCAIN for the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

Donna R. McLean, of the District of Columbia, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Sean B. O'Hollaren, of Oregon, to be an Assistant Secretary of Transportation.

Maria Cino, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Director General of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service.

Timothy J. Muris, of Virginia, to be a Federal Trade Commissioner for the unexpired term of seven years from September 26, 1994.

Bruce P. Mehlman, of Maryland, to be Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Technology Policy.

Kevin J. Martin, of North Carolina, to be a Member of the Federal Communications

Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2001.

Kathleen B. Cooper, of Texas, to be Under Secretary of Commerce for Economic Affairs.

Kathleen Q. Abernathy, of Maryland, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 1999.

Michael Joseph Copps, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2000.

Michael K. Powell, of Virginia, to be a Member of the Federal Communications Commission for a term of five years from July 1, 2002.

By Mr. GRASSLEY for the Committee on Finance.

Piyush Jindal, of Louisiana, to be an Assistant Secretary of Health and Human Services.

Claude A. Allen, of Virginia, to be Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services.

James Gurule, of Michigan, to be Under Secretary of the Treasury for Enforcement.

Thomas Scully, of Virginia, to be Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration.

Peter R. Fisher, of New Jersey, to be an Under Secretary of the Treasury.

By Mr. HELMS for the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Thelma J. Askey, of Tennessee, to be Director of the Trade and Development Agency.

A. Elizabeth Jones, of Maryland, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (European Affairs).

Walter H. Kansteiner, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (African Affairs).

Peter S. Watson, of California, to be President of the Overseas Private Investment Corporation.

Lorne W. Craner, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor.

William J. Burns, of the District of Columbia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Minister-Counselor, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Near Eastern Affairs).

Ruth A. Davis, of Georgia, a Career Member of the Senior Foreign Service, Class of Career Minister, to be Director General of the Foreign Service.

Carl W. Ford, Jr., of Arkansas, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Intelligence and Research).

Christina B. Rocca, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary of State for South Asian Affairs.

Stephen Brauer, of Missouri, to be Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United States of America to Belgium.

(The following is a list of all members of my immediate family and their spouses. I have asked each of these persons to inform me of the pertinent contributions made by them. To the best of my knowledge, the information contained in this report is complete and accurate.) Nominee: Stephen F. Brauer.

Contributions, amount, date, and donee:

Date, amount, recipient:

1/31/2001, \$2,000, Roy Blunt

9/2/2000, \$1,000, Akin, W. Todd

8/22/2000, \$5,000, Republican Natl Comm, Fed Acct

7/28/2000, \$1,000, Rick Lazio

6/27/2000, \$1,000, Shimkus, John M.

6/20/2000, \$1,000, Graves, Sam

6/7/2000, \$1,000, Federer, William J.

3/28/2000, \$1,000, McNary, Gene

3/22/2000, \$1,000, Giuliani, Rudolph

12/13/99, \$1,000, Blunt, Roy

12/9/99, \$1,000, Abraham, Spencer

11/15/99, \$1,000, Emerson, JoAnn

11/4/99, \$250, Federer, William J

6/8/99, \$5,000, HECO PAC

4/7/99, \$1,000, John Ashcroft

3/17/99, \$380, Ehlmann, Steven E.

3/17/99, \$1,000, Bush, George W.

10/23/98, \$500, Inglis, Bob

10/19/98, \$250, Federer, William J.

10/14/98, \$1,000, Talent, James M.

9/22/98, \$1,000, Emerson, JoAnn

6/17/98, \$500, Fitzgerald (IL Sen)

4/29/98, \$5,000, HECO PAC

4/7/98, \$2,000, Kit Bond

12/30/97, \$1,000, Specter, Arlen

12/23/97, \$5,000, The Leadership Alliance

12/1/97, \$1,000, Talent, James M.

9/30/97, \$500, Voinovich, George V.

5/11/97, \$5,000, Spirit of America PAC

Note: Between 1997 and 2000 Mr. Brauer has made contributions to the following organizations which are non federal contributions: RNC/Republican National State Elections Committee; 1999 State Victory Fund Committee, Ashcroft Victory Committee, non federal; NRSC/non federal; Missouri Republican State Committee; Republican National Committee; Spirit of America PAC.

Camilla T. Brauer (Wife)

Date, amount, recipient:

8/22/00, \$1,000, Rick Lazio

8/10/00, \$10,000, MO Republican Party Fed Acct

8/10/00, \$5,000, RNC Federal Acct.

8/10/00, \$1,000, Lazio 2000

3/28/00, \$1,000, McNary, Gene

3/23/00, \$1,000, Giuliani, Rudolph

11/15/99, \$1,000, Emerson, Jo Ann

4/7/99, \$1,000, John Ashcroft

3/17/99, \$1,000, Bush, George W.

12/21/98, \$2,000, Ashcroft, John

10/14/98, \$1,000, Talent, James

4/7/98, \$2,000, Kit Bond

12/1/97, \$1,000, Talent, James

5/12/97, \$5,000, Spirit of America PAC

2/6/97, \$1,000, Bond, Christopher

A.J. Brauer, III (Brother)

Date, amount, recipient:

11/01/00, \$1,000, Aschroft, John

9/28/98, \$250, Bond, Christopher

3/31/98, \$1,000, McCain, John

Blackford F. Brauer (Son)

Date, amount, recipient:

6/16/99, \$1,000, Bush, George W.

Stephen F. Brauer, Jr. (Son)

Date, amount, recipient:

6/16/99, \$1,000, Bush, George W.

Rebecca R. Brauer (Daughter)

Date, amount, recipient:

6/16/99, \$1,000, Bush, George W.

A. Bryan MacMillan (Stepfather)

Date, amount, recipient:

4/23/98, \$1,000, Kit Bond

Mrs. Lee Hunter (Mother)

Date, amount, recipient:

5/11/00, \$2,000, George Bush

9/22/99, \$1,000, Gene McNary

6/25/99, \$1,000, Gene McNary

6/23/99, \$1,000, John Ashcroft

Paul Vincent Kelly, of Virginia, to be an Assistant Secretary of State (Legislative Affairs).

Donald Burnham Ensenat, of Louisiana, to be Chief of Protocol, and to have the rank of ambassador during his tenure of service.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any

duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

Mr. HELMS. Mr. President, for the Committee on Foreign Relations, I report favorably the following nomination lists which were printed in the RECORDS of the dates indicated, and ask unanimous consent, to save the expense of reprinting on the Executive Calendar that these nominations lie at the Secretary's desk for the information of Senators.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Foreign Service nominations beginning Laron L. Jensen and ending Karen L. Zens, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on April 23, 2001.

Foreign Service nominations beginning Ralph K. Bean and ending Richard Oliver Lankford, which nominations were received by the Senate and appeared in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD on April 23, 2001.

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

Maureen Patricia Cragin, of Maine, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs (Public and Intergovernmental Affairs).

Leo S. Mackay, Jr., of Texas, to be Deputy Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

Robin L. Higgins, of Florida, to be Under Secretary of Veterans Affairs for Memorial Affairs.

Jacob Lozada, of Puerto Rico, to be an Assistant Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

(The above nominations were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed subject to the nominees' commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.)

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Mr. BOND:

S. 945. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to repeal the recognition of capital gain rule for home offices; to the Committee on Finance.

By Ms. SNOWE (for herself, Ms. MIKULSKI, and Mr. HARKIN):

S. 946. A bill to establish an Office on Women's Health within the Department of Health and Human Services; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN (for herself and Mr. INHOFE):

S. 947. A bill to amend the Clean Air Act to permit the Governor of a State to waive the oxygen content requirement for reformulated gasoline, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. LOTT (for himself and Mr. KERRY):

S. 948. A bill to amend title 23, United States Code, to require the Secretary of Transportation to carry out a grant program for providing financial assistance for local rail line relocation projects, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN: